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OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the recommendations of the International Conference on solidarity with Iraq and the lifting of sanctions, held in the capital of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, on 26 and 27 May 1994, together with a copy of the Malaysia Declaration adopted by the Conference.

I should be grateful if you would have these two documents circulated as documents of the Security Council.

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Annex I

[Original: English]

Resolution of the International Conference against Economic Sanctions on Iraq, held at Kuala Lumpur on 26 and 27 May 1994

1. This International Conference against Economic Sanctions on Iraq, organized by Malaysian non-governmental organizations represented in the Organizing Committee of the Conference, meeting on 26 and 27 May 1994 in this city of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia:

(a) Noting that it has been almost four years now since the United Nations Security Council imposed the severest economic sanctions ever witnessed in history on Iraq;

(b) Noting that Iraq has fully cooperated with various United Nations agencies, missions and teams, as openly admitted and fully acknowledged in particular by Mr. Ekéus of the Special United Nations Commission;

(c) Noting that in spite of Iraq's compliance with all relevant Security Council resolutions, despite their harsh nature, the Security Council, under the influence of the United States of America and its ally the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has chosen to maintain economic sanctions against Iraq through the concoction of new demands unrelated to the texts of the relevant resolutions;

(d) Noting that these murderous sanctions against Iraq already claimed at least 400,000 lives, many of them children and women, while hundreds of thousands of others suffer from malnutrition, disease and hunger brought about by inadequate medical facilities and rapidly deteriorating health conditions;

(e) Noting that the sanctions regime is depriving Iraq of scientific, medical and educational and cultural materials;

(f) Noting also that the real motives behind the continued imposition of these cruel, inhuman sanctions against Iraq are to destroy and to render impotent the economic, scientific and technological capability and potential of an Arab nation which until the Gulf war was industrially more advanced than most other Arab States; to control the immense oil wealth of Iraq and the Gulf region; to interfere in Iraq's internal affairs; and to reinforce a power structure in the region which favours the United States, the West and Israel but is inimical to the independence, integrity and sovereignty of the Arab people; and

(g) Noting also that the economic sanctions imposed on Iraq have also negative impacts on other countries of the world, particularly those which have economic and trade dealings with Iraq, and that the lifting of the sanctions will improve their economic prospects and prosperity;

2. Now therefore solemnly:

(a) Declares that these sanctions are not only inhuman and unjust but also have been rendered illegal due to 1 (b) and (c) above;

(b) Salutes the brave people of Iraq for their indomitable courage, steadfastness and perseverance they have displayed in the face of great adversity, pain and suffering in the last 44 months since sanctions were imposed upon their country;

(c) Calls upon the Governments of the world to pressure the United Nations Security Council to lift immediately the sanctions against Iraq;

(d) Calls upon the Governments of the world, desirous of defending their own independence and sovereignty, to break the sanctions imposed upon Iraq by re-establishing trade and other economic ties with Iraq;

(e) Calls upon the Governments of the world to provide, as a matter of utmost urgency, extensive humanitarian assistance to the suffering people of Iraq. To this purpose, Iraqi frozen assets should be immediately released to allow for purchases of medicine, food and other basic necessities of life;

(f) Calls upon the Arab League, the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, and other regional and international organizations to come to the defence of the people of Iraq in their hour of need, to resist United States and British dominance of the global system and to initiate concrete plans and programmes aimed at creating a just world;

(g) Calls upon citizens, groups and non-governmental organizations throughout the world to launch a massive global campaign to free the people of Iraq from the dominance and hegemony of super-Powers so that men, women and children everywhere will be able to live in accordance with the noble values and principles embodied in their great moral and spiritual traditions now and in the future;

(h) Calls upon progressive governmental and non-governmental third world leaders and leaders of progressive groups in North America, Europe and Japan to initiate discussions and dialogues to work out a common general plan, policy and strategy to free mankind from super-Power domination and/or comprehensive and overall cooperation to build a just new world; and

(i) Instructs the Organizing Committee of the Conference to establish an international working group to carry out the decisions of the Conference as well as to continue the work of this Conference.

Annex II

[Original: English]

International Conference against Economic Sanctions on Iraq

The Malaysian Declaration

Immediately following the end of the cold war, a new situation manifested itself in the form of an Anglo-American dominated "new world order". It was intended to give an absolute and unchallengeable lead to these imperialistic forces for world domination by coercive forces and through blatant interference in internal affairs of independent and sovereign nations. The result, however, has been a world characterized by chaos and disorder, a sad prelude to the coming of the twenty-first century.

One of the major manifestations of how this new world order worked was the massive bombing and genocidal war of aggression launched by the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (with the active compliance of over 33 allies) against a small country, Iraq. It was a major aim of the war, as clearly stated by its instigators, to bomb Iraq back to what was described as "the pre-industrial era". The purpose was nothing less than total United States hegemony in the strategic and oil-rich Middle East region.

It was nothing less than the continuation of the policies of several past United States administrations that has led to the present impasse in this strategic region of the world. The United States and its allies partially realized their goals when they inflicted such huge human and material damage on Iraq.

At present, even when Iraq has complied with all the relevant Security Council resolutions, and in particular resolution 687 (1991), the iniquitous economic sanctions imposed on Iraq in 1990 have still not been lifted. They are maintained, and indeed intensified even until this moment, despite the compliance and the mounting sufferings of the Iraqi people.

We call upon the United States and its allies to withdraw all sanctions against the Iraqi people. A decent and humanitarian attitude towards the suffering of the people of Iraq would mandate the Clinton Administration to withdraw the United Nations sanctions immediately. We call for a day of action in different countries demanding the embargo be lifted at the 17 July Security Council meeting.

Even in other parts of the world the people have suffered from the so-called new world order. The United States also manipulated the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)/World Trade Organization (WTO) to serve its sole interests. The third world countries in particular have been made to suffer as a result of the schemings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) through their high interest rates and loan conditions.

To face such abhorrent behaviour by the United States forces of domination, even though it was by an elite and oligarchic group there, the peace-loving and progressive forces need to unify their ranks and achieve unity of action. The oppressed in today's world are on the increase: injustices are reaching alarming scales. For instance, the implications of the iniquitous economic sanctions imposed on Iraq not only affect Iraq but extend to numerous countries of the world.

The South-South dialogue should be made to work effectively in a world dominated by the North. An objective and productive kind of South-North dialogue, however, must be based upon justice, equality and fair dealings. We should in no way permit the pillage of the wealth of nations; neither should interference in countries' internal affairs be allowed by greedy and power-thirsty countries.

The only way to survival and prosperity of all nations of the world is through building bridges and international coalitions amongst cultures having a universal outlook respecting man and all mankind; dialogues, seminars and conferences should be quickly convened bringing together cultural leaders and philosophers sharing the basic outlook of serving man for whose sake the universe was created, so that a powerful international movement united over socio-economic principles may emerge to bring about the establishment of a "new just world order" instituted on the moral and spiritual values embodied in all great universal traditions.